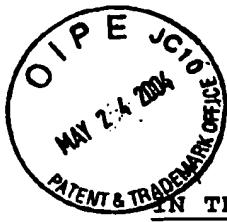


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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO MAY 13, 2004
NOTICE OF DRAWING INCONSISTENCY WITH SPECIFICATION

This Amendment is submitted in response to a May 13, 2004 Notice of Drawing Inconsistency with Specification issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. The Notice provides a period of one month for filing a response. Therefore, a response is due June 13, 2004. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

Please amend the subject application as follows: